

E2 17. (Three Times Amended) A method for treating the surface of an aluminum alloy high-temperature processed article, comprising processing an aluminum alloy containing Mg at a high temperature of 200°C or above to form the alloy into a processed article having a final shape, etching the surface of the processed article by a single step process of exposing the surface to an aqueous solution containing a chelating agent wherein the aqueous solution consists of a solution having a pH of 7 or higher, and then carrying out at least one surface treatment selected from the group consisting of hydration oxidation treatment, coating type chromating, anodizing, alternating current electrolysis in an aqueous alkali solution, and coating.

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*Please add new claims 29 and 30 as follows:*

E3 -- 29. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein an oxide layer is formed on the surface of the article during the step of processing the aluminum alloy containing Mg, and wherein the oxide layer is decreased or removed by the step of etching the surface of the processed article with an aqueous solution containing a chelating agent.

30. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein an oxide layer is formed on the surface of the article during the step of processing the aluminum alloy containing Mg, and wherein the oxide layer is decreased or removed by the step of etching the surface of the processed article by a single step process of exposing the surface to an aqueous solution containing a chelating agent. --

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